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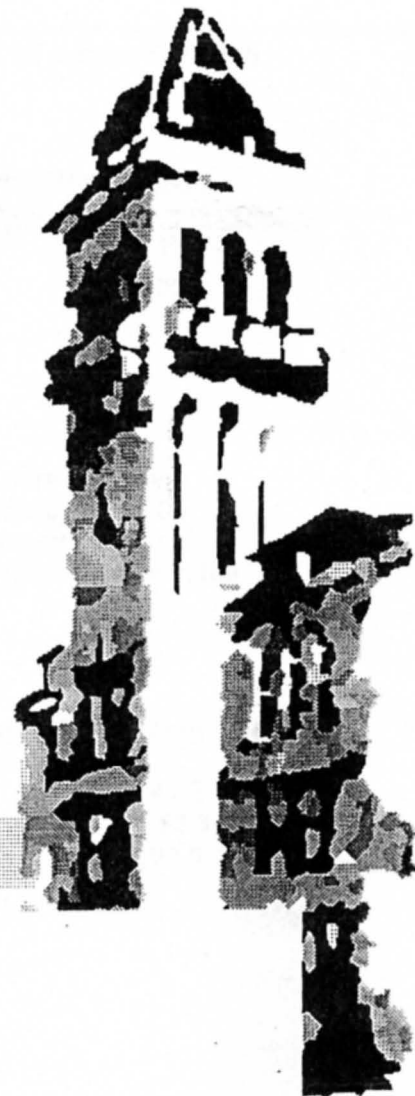
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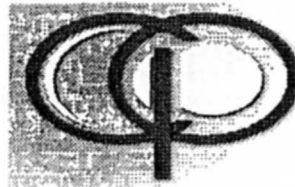


**University Assessment**

# **Child Care Needs Survey 2001**



**Utah State**  
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# CHILD CARE NEEDS SURVEY REPORT DECEMBER 2001

## Returns of Survey

There were 410 usable surveys returned. 100 of these were completed on the web while the other 310 were completed on paper. The actual distribution number was 1,245 (1,057 were mailed, 57 were distributed on the first floor of the Taggart Student Center, 80 were distributed at the Children's House, and 51 were distributed at the Research Park) making the return rate 32.9 percent.

## Status of Respondents

Nearly half (47.8%) of respondents classified themselves as students. A slight majority of respondents were faculty or staff (Table 1).

Table 1. Status of respondents

<u>Status</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Undergraduate Student	114	27.8	28.9	28.9
Graduate Student	75	18.3	19.0	47.8
Faculty	68	16.7	17.2	65.1
Staff	138	33.7	34.9	100.0
SubTotal	395	96.1	100.0	
Missing	15	3.9		
Total	410	100.0		

## Where Respondents Live

About one in seven respondents lived on campus, while over 8 in 10 lived off campus (Table 2).

Table 2. Residential location of respondents

<u>Live</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
On campus	53	12.9	13.7	13.7
Off campus	335	81.7	86.3	100.0
SubTotal	388	94.6	100.0	
Missing	22	5.4		
Total	410	100.0		

## Student Enrollment Status

Four in 10 respondents reported they were full-time students while 1 in 10 were part-time students. The remainder, a plurality (46.7%), indicated they were not students (Table 3). (Note 5+ percent discrepancy between the outcome here of total students (53.3%) and that reported above (47.8%). The difference may lie in the different numbers of missing data points in each case, or in the possibility that some faculty and staff are also part-time students.)

Table 3. Enrollment status of respondents

<u>Status</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Full-time student	153	37.3	40.6	40.6
Part-time student	48	11.7	12.7	53.3
Not applicable	176	42.9	46.7	100.0
SubTotal	377	92.0	100.0	
Missing	33	8.0		
Total	410	100.0		

**Number of Parents In Family**

Over 9 in 10 respondents belonged to a family unit containing two parents (Table 4).

**Table 4.** Number of parents in family

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
One-parent family	28	6.8	7.3	7.3
Two-parent family	357	87.1	92.7	100.0
SubTotal	385	93.9	100.0	
Missing	25	6.1		
Total	410	100.0		

**Children Have Special Needs?**

About 1 in 20 respondents indicated that their children have special needs (Table 5).

**Table 5.** Number of respondents who have children with special needs

<u>Special Needs</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Yes	20	4.9	5.1	5.1
No	373	91.0	94.9	100.0
SubTotal	393	95.9	100.0	
Missing	17	4.1		
Total	410	100.0		

**Children of Respondents**

More than 1 in 4, a plurality (25.9%) of children of respondents were infants (Table 6). The remaining categories were proportionally similar except for children of kindergarten age. (Note: 3-5 yr category is interpreted as 2 categories given that it contains two ages.)

**Table 6.** Number of children by age

<u>Age of Children</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Birth to 1 yr	150	25.9
1 year	84	14.5
2 years	100	17.3
3 to 5 years	191	33.1
Kindergarten	53	9.2
Total	578	100.0



### Hours Mother is Employed

4 in 10 respondents answered that the mother of the family was employed 35 or more hours per week (Table 7). Another 3 in 10 (28.7%) reported work but at less than 35 hours per week. The final 3 in 10 reported not being employed.

Table 7. Hours mother is employed

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
>=35 hours	159	38.9	40.1	40.1
<35 hours	114	27.8	28.7	68.8
Not employed	116	28.3	29.2	98.0
Not applicable	8	2.0	2.0	100.0
SubTotal	397	96.8	100.0	
Missing	13	3.2		
Total	410	100.0		

### Hours Father is Employed

More fathers, about 2 in 3, reported working 35 or more hours per week (Table 8). About 1 in 5 reported working less than 35 hours per week. Fewer fathers (about 1 in 20) reported not being employed.

Table 8. Hours father is employed

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
>=35 hours	259	63.2	66.4	66.4
<35 hours	87	21.2	22.3	88.7
Not employed	21	5.1	5.4	94.1
Not applicable	23	5.6	5.9	100.0
SubTotal	390	95.1	100.0	
Missing	20	4.9		
Total	410	100.0		

### Annual Family Income

A plurality, actually a near majority (48.6%), of respondents reported family income of between \$25,000 and \$75,000 (Table 9). About 4 in 10 respondents made less than \$25,000, while 1 in 10 made more than \$75,000.

Table 9. Annual family income

<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
<\$5,000	10	2.4	2.5	2.5
\$5,000-\$10,000	31	7.6	7.8	10.4
\$10,000-\$15,000	42	10.2	10.6	21.0
\$15,000-\$20,000	46	11.2	11.6	32.7
\$20,000-\$25,000	37	9.0	9.4	42.0
\$25,000-\$75,000	192	46.8	48.6	90.6
\$75,000 or more	37	9.0	9.4	100.0
SubTotal	395	96.3	100.0	
Missing	15	3.7		
Total	410	100.0		

### Who Cares for the Children When the Respondent Cannot?

4 in 10 respondents, a plurality, indicated their spouses were the primary care giver when they, themselves, were not available. Thereafter, children were looked after by relatives, friends/neighbors, licensed off-campus care centers, and licensed homes about equally (Table 10).

Table 10. Caregiver of children when respondents are unavailable

Care giver	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Spouse	166	40.5	41.3	41.3
Relative	48	11.7	11.9	53.2
Friend/Neighbor	50	12.2	12.4	65.7
Unrelated individual comes to your home	13	3.2	3.2	68.9
Licensed off-campus center	41	10.0	10.2	79.1
Licensed home	59	14.4	14.7	93.8
On-campus accredited center	10	2.4	2.5	96.3
Other	15	3.7	3.7	100.0
SubTotal	402	98.0	100.0	
Missing	8	2.0		
Total	410	100.0		

### Other Care

Twenty-one respondents who answered "other" to the foregoing item indicated the following other care: Boys and Girls Club; Children's House or Children's House Preschool (2); day care; grandmother and her nurse; miss school or work; Montessori School; non-licensed day care; non-licensed private home off campus; on campus center; one of us misses work; preschool (3); preschool two days a week; school (2); Sesame Street; sitter and licensed center; un-licensed home; un-licensed off campus care.

### Type of Child Care the Respondent Prefers

A plurality of respondents (47.8%) preferred to have their spouses provide child care when they could not. Next, respondents preferred an on-campus accredited center (21.5%) (Table 11). Table 12 shows the same figures crosstabulated by the status of respondents. This table suggests that more undergraduate students than expected preferred their spouse or a relative as a caregiver, while fewer undergraduates preferred a licensed home or an on-campus accredited center. More graduate students than expected preferred their spouse or a licensed off-campus center, while fewer graduate students preferred a relative, a licensed home, or an on-campus accredited center. More faculty than expected preferred an on-campus accredited center, while less faculty than expected preferred their spouse, relative, or licensed home caregiver. Fewer staff than expected preferred their spouse or licensed home to provide their child care.

**Table 11. Type of child care respondents prefer**

<u>Preferred Child Care</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Spouse	187	45.6	47.8	47.8
Relative	54	13.2	13.8	61.6
Friend/Neighbor	13	3.3	3.3	65.0
Unrelated individual comes to your home	8	2.0	2.0	67.0
Licensed off-campus center	11	2.7	2.8	69.8
Licensed home	27	6.6	6.9	76.7
On-campus accredited center	84	20.5	21.5	98.2
Other	7	1.7	1.8	100.0
SubTotal	391	95.4	100.0	
Missing	19	4.6		
Total	410	100.0		

**Table 12. Type of child care respondents preferred crosstabulated by status of respondents**

<u>Preferred Child Care</u>	<u>Undergraduate Student</u>	<u>Graduate Student</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Total</u>
Spouse	56**	44**	26*	55*	181
Relative	25**	6*	4*	17	52
Friend/neighbor	4	2	1	6	13
Unrelated individual comes to your home	1	2	1	4	8
Licensed off-campus center	1	4**	0	5	10
Licensed home	4*	1*	7*	15*	27
On-campus accredited center	15*	13*	27**	27	82
Other	2	1	0	4	7
Total	108	73	66	133	380

\*Fewer than expected

\*\*More than expected

#### **Other Preference**

Respondent comments where another preference was indicated included: As long as my child is happy; bilingual Spanish speaking; Children's House Preschool; do it myself (2); none (2); someone who will teach and love; spouse first, then relatives; television.

#### **Type of Child Care Respondent Needs**

Child care needs of respondents were about equally distributed, 2 to 3 in 10 respondents, across infant, toddler, and preschool categories with fewer respondents needing kindergarten care. Over 1 in 10 respondents did not need child care (Table 13).

Table 13. Type of child care respondents need

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Infant	82	20.0	20.7	20.7
Toddler	115	28.0	29.0	49.6
Preschool	116	28.3	29.2	78.8
Kindergarten	29	7.1	7.3	86.1
None	55	13.4	13.9	100.0
SubTotal	397	96.8	100.0	
Missing	13	3.2		
Total	410	100.0		

"Would you [respondent] be willing to use an accredited child care facility located adjacent to campus..."

"...within a 1 mile radius?"

A large majority of respondents (87.3%) would be willing to use an accredited child care facility located within a 1-mile radius of the university campus (Table 14).

Table 14. Number of respondents willing to use an accredited facility within a 1 mile radius

<u>Willing?</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Yes	349	85.1	87.3	87.3
No	51	12.4	12.8	100.0
SubTotal	400	97.6	100.0	
Missing	10	2.4		
Total	410	100.0		

"...within a 1 to 3-mile radius?"

A smaller, but still substantial, majority (over 2 in 3) would be willing to use an accredited child care facility within a 1- to 3-mile radius of the university campus (Table 15).

Table 15. Number of respondents willing to use an accredited facility within a 1 to 3 mile radius

<u>Willing?</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Yes	260	63.4	68.4	68.4
No	120	29.3	31.6	100.0
SubTotal	380	92.7	100.0	
Missing	30	7.3		
Total	410	100.0		

#### Which Locations Respondents Prefer

A substantial majority of respondents (70.1%) would prefer an on-campus location for a child care facility. A little over 1 in 5 preferred a location adjacent to campus within a 1-mile radius (Table 16).

**Table 16. Locations respondents prefer**

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
On-campus	277	67.6	70.1	70.1
Adjacent to campus-within a 1 mile radius	90	22.0	22.8	92.9
Off-campus - within 1 to 3 mile radius	28	6.8	7.1	100.0
SubTotal	395	96.3	100.0	
Missing	15	3.7		
Total	410	100.0		

**"What kind of weekly schedule do you [respondent] need?"**

A plurality of respondents (24.9%) needed full day care every day of the (work) week (Table 17). This was closely followed by respondents who required part day care every day (22.8%), and part day care part of the week (20.7%). In other words nearly 3 in 4 respondents needed child care either full or part day, for all or part of the week. About 1 in 7 needed only drop-in or back up care while about 1 in 10 needed no child care.

**Table 17. Kind of weekly schedule respondents need**

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Full day/full week	94	22.9	24.9	24.9
Part day/full week	86	21.0	22.8	47.7
Full day/part week	20	4.9	5.3	53.1
Part day/part week	78	19.0	20.7	73.7
Drop-in or back-up care	54	13.2	14.3	88.1
None	45	11.0	11.9	100.0
SubTotal	377	92.0	100.0	
Missing	33	8.0		
Total	410	100.0		

**"What is the maximum you [respondent] would be willing to pay per hour for child care in an accredited facility?"**

A plurality of respondents, about 3 in 10, would only be willing to pay \$2.00 per hour for child care in an accredited facility (Table 18). (Note that the Cumulative Percent Column cannot be read in its usual fashion here because each respondent cannot be included cumulatively in a lower row. For example, one *cannot* say that 93.1 percent of respondents would be willing to pay up to a maximum of \$3.00 per hour. Instead one has to assume that only 6.9 percent of respondents would be willing to pay as much as \$4.00 per hour.) Table 19 shows the same figures crosstabulated by the status of the respondents. More undergraduates than expected were willing to pay \$1.50 or \$2.00 per hour, while fewer undergraduates than expected were willing to pay \$2.25 or \$3.00 per hour. More graduate students than expected were will to pay \$1.50, while fewer were willing to pay \$2.25 or \$2.50 per hour. More faculty than expected were willing to pay \$3.00 and \$4.00 per hour, while less than expected were willing to pay between \$1.50 and \$2.25 per hour. More staff than expected were willing to pay \$1.75, \$2.25, or \$2.50 per hour, while fewer than expected were willing to pay \$1.50, \$3.00 or \$4.00 per hour.

**Table 18.** Maximum fee respondents would be willing to pay per hour

<u>Maximum \$</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
\$1.50	47	11.5	13.0	13.0
\$1.75	40	9.8	11.1	24.1
\$2.00	111	27.1	30.7	54.8
\$2.25	24	5.9	6.6	61.5
\$2.50	66	16.1	18.3	79.8
\$3.00	48	11.7	13.3	93.1
\$4.00	25	6.1	6.9	100.0
SubTotal	361	88.0	100.0	
Missing	49	12.0		
Total	410	100.0		

**Table 19.** Maximum fee respondents would be willing to pay crosstabulated by status of respondents

<u>USU Status</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>	<u>\$1.75</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.25</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduate Student	17**	11	40**	5*	20	8*	6	107
Graduate Student	16**	7	21	2*	8*	11	4	69
Faculty	2*	1*	11*	1*	11	17**	10**	53
Staff	12*	19**	37	15**	26**	11*	5*	125
Total	47	38	109	23	65	47	25	354

\*Fewer than expected

\*\*More than expected

**"Have you [respondent] ever considered dropping out of school or quitting your job because of child care issues?"**

A small majority of respondents (52.5%) had not considered dropping out of school or quitting their jobs because of child care issues (Table 20). Conversely, a rather large minority (47.5%) had done so.

**Table 20.** Number of respondents who have considered dropping out of school/quitting job

<u>Decision</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Yes	177	43.2	47.5	47.5
No	196	47.8	52.5	100.0
SubTotal	373	91.0	100.0	
Missing	37	9.0		
Total	410	100.0		

**"If you [respondent] have recently changed child care arrangements, what was the reason?"**

A majority of respondents (64.7%) indicated that this item was not applicable to them. Of the remaining categories a plurality of the remaining respondents (15.8%) indicated that they had changed child care arrangements recently because a caretaker was no longer available (Table 21).

**Table 21. Reasons for changing child care arrangements**

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Hours child care available weren't convenient/appropriate	12	2.9	3.3	3.3
Cost was not affordable	21	5.1	5.8	9.2
Location was not convenient	13	3.2	3.6	12.8
Quality was low	24	5.9	6.7	19.4
Care/caretaker no longer available	57	13.9	15.8	35.3
Not applicable	233	56.8	64.7	100.0
SubTotal	360	87.8	100.0	
Missing	50	12.2		
	410	100.0		

**"How many times have you [respondent] changed your child care arrangements in the last year?"**

A majority of respondents (56.6%) did not have to change child care arrangements in the last year. Of the remaining respondents, a plurality (25.7%) had made one change (Table 22). Combined, over 4 in 10 respondents made as few as one and as many as more than four changes in the past year.

**Table 22. Number of times respondents changed their child care arrangements**

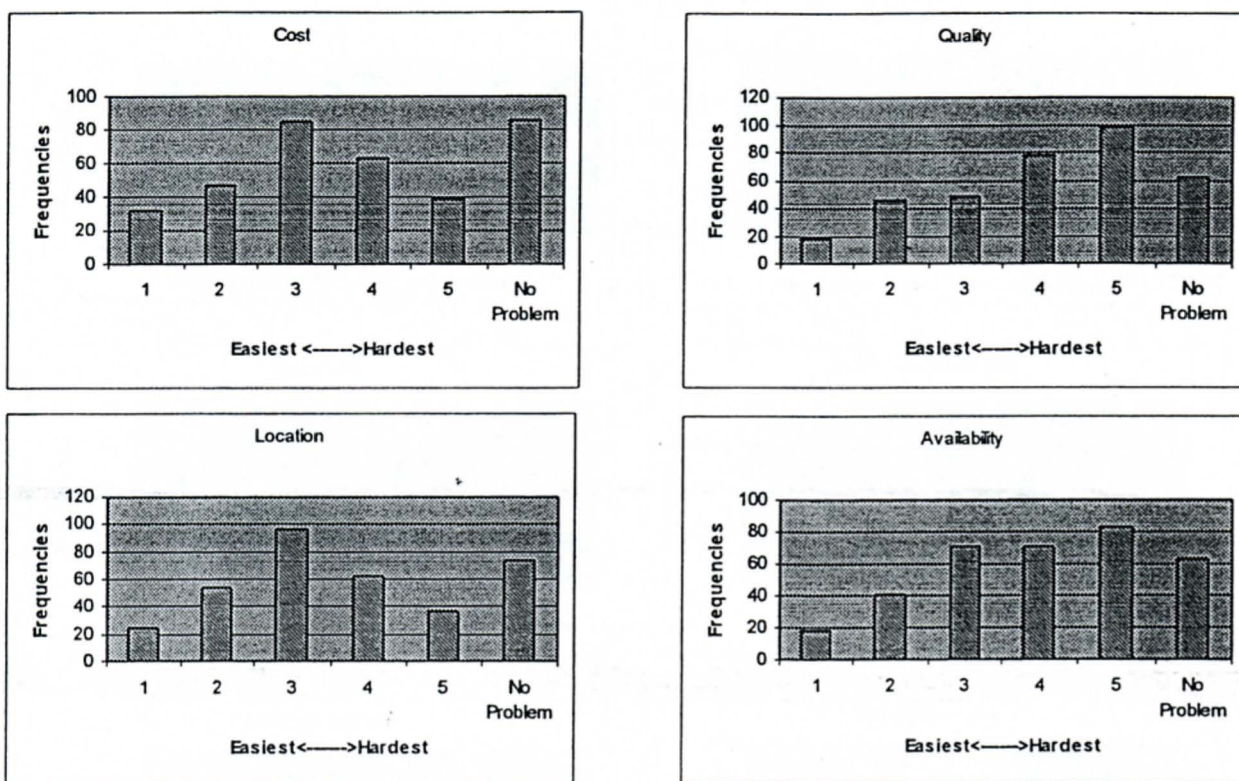
<u>Times Changed</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Valid Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
One	97	23.7	25.7	25.7
Two	40	9.8	10.6	36.2
Three	17	4.1	4.5	40.7
Four	6	1.5	1.6	42.3
> Four	4	1.0	1.1	43.4
None	214	52.2	56.6	100.0
SubTotal	378	92.2	100.0	
Missing	32	7.8		
Total	410	100.0		



### Rankings of the Difficulty of Four Parameters of Finding Child Care

Modally, cost was of average (3) difficulty, but also was not a problem for an equally high number of respondents. In contrast, finding quality care was rated most difficult by most respondents. Modally also, location was of average difficulty, while availability was rated average to above average difficulty. About the same numbers of respondents found no problem with any of these parameters in relation to finding child care (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Rankings of respondents for four parameters of difficulty in finding child care

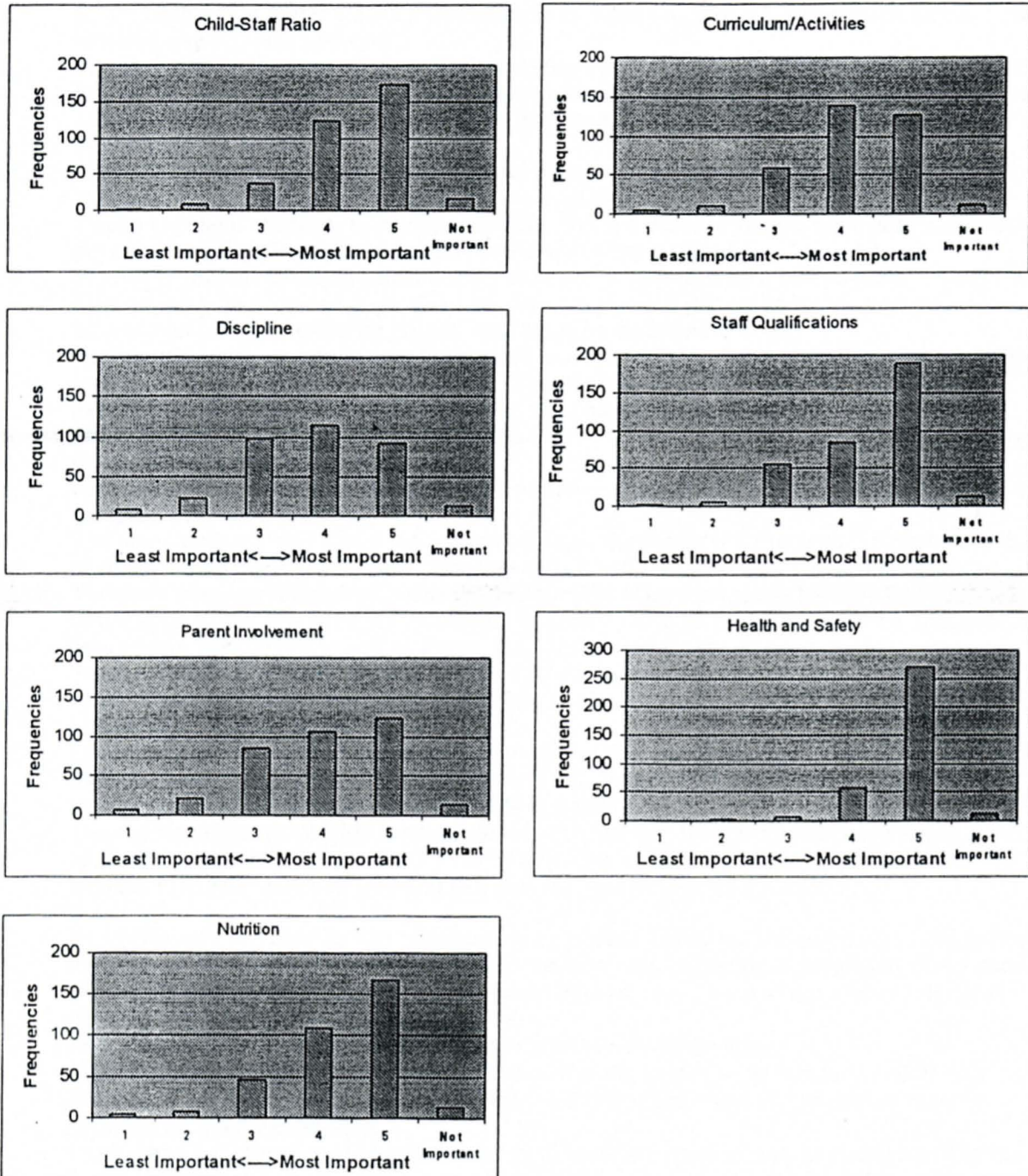




### Rankings of the Importance of Some Parameters of Quality Child Care

Modally, child-staff ratio, staff qualifications, health and safety, and nutrition were considered most important. Curriculum and activities, discipline, and parental involvement all were considered less but still above average in importance. Overall, all of these parameters of quality child care were rated above average in importance to these respondents (Figure 2).

**Figure 2.** Graphs showing the rankings of importance of respondents for parameters of quality child care



## Comments of Respondents

1. I am dealing with summer daycare issues for my older child (now in 3rd grade) this is a big problem not addressed in this survey. Maybe the center could address this for summer-time daycare.
2. I would like information on where I can enroll my child in your program.
3. I barely make enough to pay child care for 2 kids. Cost is the most important issue, however it shouldn't be.
4. I'm also interested in Child Care/Activities for older children 1st-6th grade.
5. My children are at home 4 days a week(Mon-Fri). Then one day at the neighbors. We take their kids one day & there is no cost.
6. We have one child in a child care facility two days a week while my spouse substitute teaches.
7. I would be interested in a quality preschool/kinder program-1/2 days. I have not been impressed with the options around town. I would then use my in home day care for the remaining time.
8. Thank You!
9. I have lucked out & found someone with not a whole lot of headache. Ideally I would like to be closer to my kids and have the ability to step in at times.
10. I found excellent childcare w/ an older woman who is a licensed childcare provider. Location and price is excellent. She attends campus courses to be re-certified.
11. We had a hard time finding child care because we need it on such a limited basis-usually 3 or 4 days a month, plus on-call days. Our kids are both under 2 yrs. old so people who depend on our income don't want to waste an "infant" spot since those are hard to get.
12. Dependable back-up care is near impossible to find unless you have a relative. I have postponed re-entry into class because of care issues. My wife has not been able to get a regular job because of child care costs and availability, she has worked at home.
13. I currently pay \$11.00/day for day care - hrs 8-3.
14. Good luck with your new center.
15. I am currently very happy with my daycare situation. I used childcare resources and referral on campus. They were excellent.
16. The home observation system did not work for me. My daughter commuted to Pocatello with my husband during my first year here. She was only 2 and not eligible for pre-school programs.
17. There are very few childcare options in Cache Valley. There are many in-home daycare arrangements; but few dependable centers that don't close for personal reasons at inconvenient times. Also, I would like to see an infant, toddler daycare facility on campus.
18. There is definitely a need for more good child care in this valley that is close to USU.
19. Keep Children's House - fund it as well as you can!!
20. I prefer not to put my SSN.
21. I currently have my mother available to tend my toddler, but she is older with arthritis and other Medical issues. I worry about finding someone else to tend him and would love on-campus or nearby dependable care that was affordable and safe.
22. The daycare situation at USU is embarrassing-the fact that there is no infant daycare is awful. It also hurts when USU depts. try to recruit new, young, male & female faculty members. If the Maddox Fast Food place in Brigham can provide onsite childcare so can USU.
23. No Need
24. Good childcare is available and affordable in Logan but it is spotty and not always easy to find.
25. My greatest concern is knowing the personal background, character, & personality of my care giver & the other kids or people my child would interact with. I want to know intimately, what influences my child will be subjected to.
26. As a nursing mother, an on-campus facility for infants would be ideal.
27. Sick child care as well as daycare is needed on this campus to support faculty & staff. Our situation: 2 full time faculty with nearest relative 2,000 miles away. We are willing to pay a premium for quality child care.
28. I have been very fortunate to have a wonderful child care provider who has been a part of our family for the past 7 years. Both my son and daughter have been in her care since they were 6 weeks old. I realize how lucky I am when I see the struggles that others have.

29. USU should not be in the child rearing business. There are many day care centers which could accommodate peoples children. Why should USU be held liable for the Children's House.
30. The Children's House is the most valuable tool on USU's campus. I was very lucky to find them when receiving an unexpected job on campus. My best wishes for your program and staff.
31. Being a product of daycare in my early years, I realize that child care outside the home is sometimes necessary. Parents who purchase daycare must understand, however, that they are transferring their parental roles, rights and obligations to someone else.
32. Child care is a problem for many people I work with. The Children's House should be more flexible about costs with unusual schedules (a lot of people work part-time but not 8-12 or 1-5).
33. Hard to drop off at Children's House. There are horrible stories about the director - wouldn't use unless I could just drop off for 1-2 hours a time.
34. Last year we enrolled our son in Children's house for 1 semester. Even though I work full-time for USU & both my spouse & I attend USU part time, we received no tuition reduction. We also thought our son would receive some rudimentary lessons in writing. He did not.
35. Do you have a pick-up option for Edith Bowen Kindergarten students?
36. I worked for H2H(Hospital) childcare and felt it's overall set up & activities, nutrition, etc. a good model for care centers.
37. Please include infant care(Birth - 2) in the new center & allow for part time care.
38. I would like to drop in on my lunch and breaks if possible.
39. Two of my children have attended the Children's House. We find it to be an excellent preschool facility.
40. The Children's House is a phenomenal facility. My 3 yr olds development increased so dramatically for the short time that we had her there. We took her out for two reasons: No ability to give younger children a viable nap time and cost is prohibitive for low-income families.
41. I have found it very difficult to find child care for children 0-3 years. It would be so wonderful for USU to provide that service. I would pay the price-It would be so worth it to be close to my daughter during the day.
42. This is the only campus out of the 4 where I have been a student and taught that did not have adequate child care facilities. The lack of such facilities is a serious problem at USU, where so many students have children--not to mention faculty and staff!
43. I am constantly looking for a way to change my current childcare situation, which means I am always looking for a new job. If I could drop my child @ an on campus facility which was open from 7-6, I would stay here forever.
44. The last four are not applicable because I have never used child care on a regular basis. It would be nice to have an inexpensive place with quality people to take my kids and leave them. Not everyday, but a few times a week.
45. The only problem I would have is my schedule, finding daycare available at 4:00 a.m.
46. My husband works out of the valley. If I have daycare problems I am the only one available to take care of the problem. Daycare has often been an issue and concern for me.
47. My child stays with his grandmother.
48. Some day care centers such as all about kids offer a shuttle service to Kindergarten, excellent nutritious meals and quality child care for 2-year olds through 5 year olds. I expect USU to offer similar or better child care options.
49. It would be helpful to have care available for under 3. I have to look elsewhere because one of my 2 preschoolers is too young for the current facility.
50. Due to costs of daycare I have had to arrange my schedule around my husbands work schedule which has made it very hard to get the classes I need.
51. My husband is disabled and is able to take care of our baby currently. I think in the future though he will not be and we are on a limited budget. I have concerns about what to do in the future.
52. As a student & mother school was difficult. I signed up for the children's programs but never got off the waiting list. An accessible preschool would be very helpful to students with children.
53. I would be very interested in a daycare program for my 1 yr old. I would only leave her with well qualified staff that would challenge her w/ new activities but also offer her a nurturing loving care. Thanks.



54. When arranging childcare to accept my USU position I checked with the children's house but could not afford the rate and the off times they were closed would make it difficult to find back up.
55. I think that it would be very useful to staff that have children to have a place to take them when needed.
56. The importance of high-quality childcare service can not be overemphasized.
57. I would love for my children to be in a really great child care environment. I would also love to pay \$4 an hour per child. I used to be a childcare provider & I know that really good providers are worth \$4. However, both my husband & I are students working part-time.
58. My child had an abusive provider and so we have a very hard time finding quality.
59. My wife and I prefer more pursuit in the activities and qualities of our son.
60. My kid is 3 1/2 months old and my wife usually cares for him. FYI
61. I would appreciate a program for 2 1/2 year olds who have not mastered & are working on potty training.
62. I already send my child to the Children's House and am pleased with the quality of care. However, the center needs a new facility and increased funding.
63. I have a child in the children's House now and she loves it. It is so convenient for me to bring her to work with me.
64. Child care @ USU is a productivity/employee stability issue of TOP priority. We spend too much time on issues related to daycare & the impact, productivity. Summer programs for school aged kids is desperately needed.
65. We need a place where our children can be safe from harm. This would include staff willing to learn to work with their allergies to foods.
66. Our goal is for our child to be bilingual by learning a second language(Spanish) at an early age.
67. The only daycare/pre-school my child has attended is the Children's House. The staff & quality of care has been superb. I have no complaints and my hope is that things don't change much in the future especially the distance from campus. We love our pre-school.
68. A child care facility for children under 3 is greatly needed. It would be very helpful since this is the hardest age to find child care and when it's most difficult to leave your child.
69. I work at the research park and would prefer an off campus site to avoid the campus traffic & parking problems. I hope we are able to get a child care program going for faculty & staff. The Children's House has not met our needs.
70. Off campus would be ideal for parking & traffic purposes. This would be great to have available for us working moms!!
71. It would be great to have more day care available on campus.
72. I am a divorced father and only have my children part of the time. Right now my ex-wife takes my 4 year old daughter out to Nibley to be cared for and it would be more of a convenience for her if I had someplace on campus or near campus to be able to provide childcare.
73. My wife and I are expecting our baby for Dec. 31, so some boxes do not apply but yes, we'll need childcare some time.
74. My child currently attends the Children's House. I love it, it is convenient and the staff is great! I would be very disappointed if there were not a facility like this one on campus/or close to campus.
75. Exclusive parking space for children's house patrons. Is it possible to avoid the \$25 fee?
76. I would love on campus daycare for my infant.
77. Stay at home mom is full time care giver.
78. This would have been great for me during the past 10 years. My 4 children are getting older with the youngest starting kindergarten next fall.
79. I would love to be able to have a childcare facility for my child that I know is safe, educational, and has a caring staff. Currently there are not facilities through USU for my 1 year old. I wish that would change.
80. This is our first child. A friend will be moving looking into other options.
81. I heard that it was near impossible to get my child to attend an on-campus facility for child care.
82. Thanks for the referral and the grant!

83. I would like to have childcare on or near campus because I live 20-30 min away so when I have an hour break here and there I could visit my baby-I miss her when I'm gone for 6 hours.
84. I am currently a stay at home mom. My husband goes to school full time & works part time. I am not currently in need of child care but I do take my child to pre school twice a week so she has a chance to interact with other children.
85. Have never used child care but I am interested.
86. I don't currently use a child-care facility. However, I would like a place I can bring my two year old to interact with other children for a couple hours a week. If this facility accommodates that type of need, and is close by, I would be willing to pay whatever price.
87. I choose not to have childcare out of the home. If I had needed to take my daughter to childcare out of my home in order to have this job, then I wouldn't have taken the job.
88. My daughter just turned two and it has been impossible to find a day care that will take a part time child who is not yet potty-trained. Do you take children who are potty-trained & not yet 3?
89. My wife provides the care for our daughter, but it would be nice to have a place to bring our daughter to socialize with other children.
90. We used child care the first 3 years of our oldest child's life. Then it wasn't economically feasible after the 2nd child came along. I feel more importantly is the time(one on one) spent with daycare & child.
91. Cost, Quality, and Location were really non-issues. The availability was the issue. We had trouble finding a daycare provider that had a space available for our daughter. It is an in-home mother, certified by the state, that charges \$400/mo for the service. I would hope to find care a little cheaper at a facility such as the Children's House.
92. Need something close and available that is affordable for students.
93. Both my wife and I were students prior to being parents. After one very challenging term my wife stopped her education entirely. If we had day care for infants and toddlers for less than 10 hours a week I feel my wife could have continued her education.
94. My older son attends preschool twice a week. My other son is on life-support and has nurses watch him 12 hours a day overnight or more if arrangements are made. My wife is 4 months pregnant with our third child and is on leave from her job until next June.
95. What you need on campus are places that a mother can breast feed and diaper changing facilities in the bathrooms (i.e. a shelf large enough to accommodate a child).
96. We have never used child care facilities. I am fortunate enough to have a wife who is able to and who prefers to care for and raise our children.
97. One of the largest problems being a graduate student with a wife trying to finish her undergraduate degree at the same time. Reliable, consistent, affordable, quality child care is an urgent need for us young families trying to further our education when we're not native to Cache Valley and don't have the usual resources such as family to take care of our children.
98. I don't trust anyone with my daughter that I haven't met and know very well. I won't ever use USU child care services, I don't have the money - you already have enough of my money.
99. I attended a community college back home that had a day care on campus, and both my daughter and I felt much safer and secure knowing that if anything happened she was just at the end of the parking lot. It also made my daughter feel okay about leaving me for the first time. She had never been to daycare before that.
100. My son goes to the Children's House. He and I am very happy with his care there.
101. My Spouse and I work hard to manage our schedules to care for our own children without burdening others. We are very much against taxes, welfare, or tuition expenses that force others to pay for our children, or force us to pay for other's children. Most schools and childcare facilities receive government money.
102. Some of these questions did not let me answer completely. For instance, I need child care both part-day/part week and full day/part week (two days are only 3 hrs. each and the other day is a full day). Also, I have a sitter in my home and go to a licensed childcare center. Not sure what you mean by "parent involvement".
103. An on campus, affordable child care center would go a long way in helping out in terms of schedule, security, money & continuation of study. It is urgently needed.

104. My baby is 6 months old and my spouse and I have been working swing shifts to provide our baby care at home. However, starting next year this will not be a viable option for us since we both need to work closer to full time towards our degrees. An affordable (or subsidized) child care on campus will help us out extremely.
105. I do not need child care however, if I did it would need to be affordable and convenient. On campus child care allows staff members to be close to their children in case of emergencies, and time conflicts, as well as allowing employee ease of dropping off their children and then picking them back up.
106. It would be nice if a child care center could have FHD students or someone in school in those related fields. I would be much more inclined if a prof. or instructor was always there and strict background checks. Let no one around the children who are irresponsible or cruel, or do bad things around them.
107. I was very surprised when I took a job at USU that there was no infant care facility available. Is there not a need? I would use/appreciate an infant care facility if it was available.
108. Your survey has several problems. 1. Never ask for a SSN over an unsecured connection! 2. Never ask for a SSN if you want an unbiased answer! 3. Your likert scale questions need to be reversed, or the no problem needs to be on the other side. 4. I have submitted this survey several times with various responses.
109. My wife and I prefer to use family, and have not to date used a child care facility. I don't have a natural trust that the caretakers in a child care facility would be able to provide the teaching, love, and discipline that my child needs. For this reason, I am reluctant to use a child care facility.
110. At the moment, I do not need any childcare through the University, because all of my childcare is taken care of by family that lives locally. If, however, I was to not have relatives nearby, the responses to the questions here would be my preferences for childcare.
111. My wife stays home with the children, so most of these questions are not applicable.
112. I am anticipating the need for infant care within the next year or so as well.
113. MY KIDS ARE HELL RAISERS!
114. USU needs to reopen the infant/toddler program.